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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-12 by 1600 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE) in Ontario.

KEY FINDINGS

- Protestors have entered the QEW on foot in attempt to block the Peace Bridge. The social media activity this afternoon related to the Fort Erie/Buffalo Peace Bridge demonstrations appears to have plateaued. Little mention is made of the other three crossings in the Niagara Region.
- Social media continues to be reviewed for any potential impact at the Lansdowne POE.
- Akwesasne residents who say they are being intimidated by the approximate 200 protestors in the region of the POE.
- There were scattered posts about a convoy of vehicles on its way to the Ambassador Bridge from London. Posts suggest convoy was prevented from reaching the bridge by police.
- There are a number of negative posts about the two tow truck companies contracted to help police enforce the injunction.
- No posts of concern related to planned protests at the Blue Water Bridge in Canada. Multiple posts identified about protests on the US-side of the bridge.

NIAGARA REGION

Peace Bridge

OPP have closed the QEW Fort Erie bound at Gilmore Road (Figure 1) to prevent protestors from gathering at the Peace Bridge.ⁱ Despite this, protestors have gathered on the QEW on foot to try and prevent traffic from crossing the bridgeⁱⁱ (Figure 2).



Figure 1: Post referencing protestors on foot on QEW near the Peace Bridge



Figure 2: Post referencing closing of the QEW

Protestors removed the barricades on the Niagara River Parkway leading to the Peace Bridge and have set up to protest under and near the bridge (Figure 3).



Figure 3: Post referencing protestors removing barricades and setting up under and near Peace Bridgeⁱⁱⁱ

Rainbow Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Whirlpool Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

CORNWALL-MASSENA

Numerous tractors, large farm equipment and personal pick-up trucks continue to block the Seaway International Bridge in Cornwall this morning. A single lane of traffic is being let through (Figure 4).



Figure 4: Post referencing single lane open at Cornwall POE^{iv}

Nearby Akwesasne residents are voicing their displeasure on social media, saying they are being intimidated by protestors (Figures 5 and 6).

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Hope they're not blocking access to Akwesasne cause..... that's not a smart idea at all. 😞



10:09 AM · Feb 12, 2022 · Twitter for Android

1 Like

Figure 5: Post referencing blocking of the bridge near Akwesasne^v

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The terrorists have now overtaken the intersection that is the only way in and out of Akwesasne to go to the Canadian side for necessities.

They opened traffic, but the terrorists remaining in the intersections demonstrates that they are not protesting - THEY ARE INTIMIDATING.

12:45 PM · Feb 12, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

6 Retweets 14 Likes

Figure 6: Post referencing blocking of the bridge at the Cornwall POE and local resident sentiment^{vi}

WINDSOR

There continues to be a high level of content generated regarding the Ambassador Bridge blockade, with hundreds of messages being posted every minute across multiple social media platforms. It has not been possible to review the majority of messages being posted about this protest.

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After multiple police agencies began to enforce the Ontario Superior Court's injunction against blocking the bridge, most posts fall into the two camps of those who welcome^{vii} the police action and those who do not^{viii}. These reactions are largely correlated with general views about the protests. No posts were identified indicating any planned violence related to this protest (Figures 7 and 8).

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Well done, @WindsorPolice and partners!

#AmbassadorBridgeBlockade



Figure 7: Post in favour of police enforcement of injunction

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#AmbassadorBridgeBlockade

arrest justin Trudeau he is the hitler
of #canada this man should be
charged for treason he is a tyrant

10:18am · 12 Feb 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

3 Replies

Figure 8: Negative post about police enforcement of injunction

There were scattered posts about a convoy of vehicles on its way to the Ambassador Bridge from London. Posts suggest convoy was prevented from reaching the bridge by police^{ix} (Figure 9).

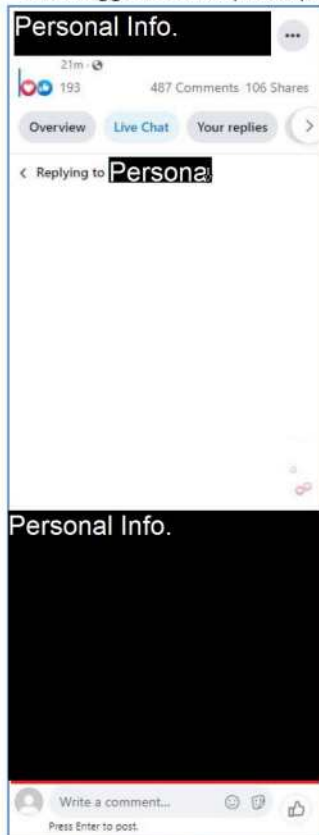


Figure 9: Comment about convoy from London

There are a number of negative posts about the two truck companies contracted to help police enforce the injunction (Figure 10). Multiple posts suggest calling the companies to complain and posting negative reviews on their website^x. A Facebook live feed being broadcast by Facebook User "Personal Info." included frequent negative comments directed at one of the towing companies, Personal Info., based in Windsor (Figure 11)^{xi}

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Windsor Ontario
Mic Mac park
Feb 12



14 8 Comments 11 Shares

Figure 10:Negative posts about towing company

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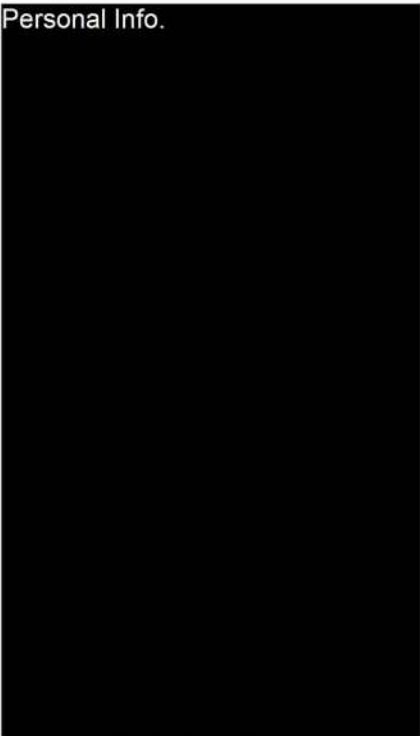


Figure 11: Negative comments about towing company^{vii}

SARNIA

No posts of concern related to planned protests in Canada^{xiii}. Multiple posts identified about planned protests on the US-side of the bridge^{xiv} (Figures 12, 13 and 14). At present, these protests appear small in scope compared to Windsor and Ottawa.^{xv}



Figure 12: Post about potential protests in US-side of Bluewater Bridge



Figure 13: Post about US Bluewater Protest

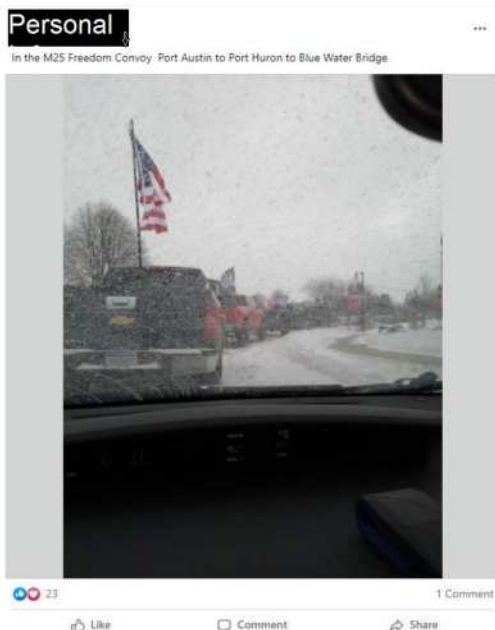


Figure 14: Post about US convoy en-route to Bluewater Bridge^{xvi}

SAULT STE. MARIE – MARIE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

Kingston residents are posting on social media about the protest in support of the Freedom Convoy that are blocking local streets. They are expressing concern this protest may move to the POE border crossing. No further social media posts indicate this may be the case.

There is little posted on social media regarding the planned protest in Gananoque. At this time only one post could be found mentioning this event. Of note, it was mentioned that “some members of the army are with us”. It is unknown at this time what exactly this is referring to, but further research will be conducted (Figure 15).



Figure 15: Post referencing protest at Gananoque^{xvii}

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed in relation to the Ottawa International Airport.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed in relation to the Toronto Pearson International Airport (TPIA)

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

- The volume of information in relation to the Windsor POE is quite large with several updates and discussions posted per minute.

LIIMITATIONS

Although effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

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